

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OF BILLINGS HEIGHTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 12, 2020

The August 12, 2020 board meeting was called to order by President Wynn Pippin at 5:59 p.m. at 1540 Popelka Drive, Billings, MT.

Board Members: Wynn Pippin, Brandon Hurst, Roger Ostermiller,
Jon Muessig, Donna Dinsmore (absent), and Steve Blood (absent)

Also present: Duke Nieskens, General Manager
Peyton Brookshire, Assistant Manger
Suzie McKethen, Board Secretary

- **July Minutes for Approval**

Motion: Jon Muessig
Second: Roger Ostermiller

Motion carried: 3-0

- **July Prepaid Bills for Approval**

Motion: Jon Muessig
Second: Brandon Hurst

Motion carried: 3-0

- **July Bills for Approval**

Motion: Jon Muessig
Second: Roger Ostermiller

Motion carried: 3-0

- **Financial Statement for review**

- **Manager's Report – Duke Nieskens**

- Another busy month for the servicemen. They repaired a leak at 1114 Reece Drive, and ended up pulling a new service line; repaired a service line leak at 2258 West Skokie; and repaired a mainline valve on Redwing and Stallion.
- The gate controller had a bad circuit board. We contacted Gateway Solutions. There were no parts available because the model we had, has been discontinued. The quote for the new unit is \$5,065.00 and has a 5-year guarantee.
- The pump stations have had their roofs replaced from the hail damage in August 2019. The siding still needs completed. We took the service trucks to Chassis Works, and they have all been repaired.
- Jesse Martin, homeowner, and Jerry Morrell, Bar 11 developer, stopped by the office to visit with Duke. They wanted to know what the process would be to extend the water main down Hawthorne. After explaining the Heights Water District requirements for water main extensions, Jerry Morrell said he would have his

engineering firm start working on it. As of this date, the District has not seen any of the required paperwork.

- Duke updated the board on the Rawhide Transmission Project done by Western Municipal Construction. We have substantial completion. The punch list items are being worked on. Seeding will be done in September.
 - We found an error on the Atlas map concerning valving on Grelck and Conestoga where the system tied to the 24" transmission main. Corrections are being made.
 - We had a main break on Main Street in front of First Interstate Bank. Duke handed out pictures. Duke was contacted by the media. Duke contacted several contractors who were unable to pull their crews off their jobs. Castlerock Excavation will do the repair. Two lanes of traffic were shut down. First Interstate had to be put on temporary water. Duke thought the estimated cost of the repair would be \$30,000. Heights Water supplied the parts, but we don't have the equipment to go through the pavement.
 - No news from our attorney, Randy Nelson. At this time, mediation has been cancelled.
- **Old Business:**
 - None.
 - **New Business:**
 - Peyton talked to the board about contracting with Billing Document Specialists who partner with Black Mountain Software. Because we are now on the "cloud", we have some new options for billing, ACH, possibly the ability for customers to view their bills on a website. Once we received the pricing for all of the "options", it seemed cost prohibitive to pursue those features.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jon Muessig. Brandon Hurst seconded. Motion carried 3-0. President Wynn Pippin adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Suzie McKethen, Board Secretary

Wynn Pippin, President